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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT:AID LOANS

1. WHEN EMBASSY LEARNED THAT LOANS HAD TO BE SIGNED
BY 31 AUGUST, AMBASSADOR INITIATED SERIES OF CONTACTS
WITH KEY POLITICAL LEADERS AND PUBLISHERS OF NOVEDADES
AND LA PRENSA.

2.AMBASSADOR REQUESTED LUIS PALLAIS (NOVEDADES) TO
EMPLOY LOW-KEY COVERAGE AND PERSUADED XAVIER CHAMORRO
AND DANILO AGUIRRE (LA PRENSA) THAT OPPOSTION'S BEST
INTERESTS SERVED BY REFRAINING FROM MISREPRESENTING LOANS
AS USG SUPPORT FOR GON. LA PRENSA AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR
TO MINIMIZE PUBLICITY IF NOVEDADES DID SAME. NOVEDADES
ONLY PUBLISHED TWO SHORT ARTICLES ON INSIDE PAGES--ONLY
ONE HAVING HEADLINE ANNOUNCING APPROVAL. LA PRENSA RAN
SHORT ARTICLE UNDER HEADING THAT CONGRESS AUTHORIZED
SOMOZA TO LEAVE COUNTRY WHICH, IN SIXTH PARAGRAPH SAID,
"AT THE SAME QUICK SESSION WHICH WAS HELD YESTERDAY
AND WHICH STARTED AFTER ELEVEN O'CLOCK AND ENDED A FEW
MINUTES AFTER ONE IN THE AFTERNOON, A THREE MILLION
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DOLLAR LOAN TO THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT BY AID WAS
APPROVED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE NUTRITIONAL
"HABITS" OF THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE. AS IT CAN WELL BE
OBSERVED, THIS CREDIT IS AN IRONICAL TRAGEDY FOR
THE MILLIONS OF NICARAGUAN MARGINAL SECTORS, WHICH
CAN NOT IN ANYWAY IMPROVE THEIR NUTRITIONAL HABITS
FOR THE ONLY REASON THAT THEY SOME TIMES CAN NOT EVEN

COMPLETE THEIR DAILY MEALS. ANOTHER SEVEN AND A HALF MILLION FINANCING WAS APPROVED, WHICH WILL BE GRANTED BY THE WORLD BANK FOR INVESTMENTS AND PROGRAMS IN THE NATIONAL EDUCATION FIELD."

3. ON POL FRONT, AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH PCN MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE EXPLAINING LOAN BACKGROUNDS AND UNDESIRABILITY OF THEIR MISREPRESENTATION AS SUPPORT FOR SOMOZA. PCN DID NOT ATTEND CONGRESS ON DAY LOANS APPROVED.

4. NO SIGNING CEREMONY HELD. AID DIRECTOR SIGNED LOANS SEPARATELY IN HIS OFFICE AND ADVISED SIGNING GON MINISTERS THAT USG WISHED NO PUBLICITY ABOUT LOANS. SOLAUN

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